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# PREPAREDNESS UPDATE

## Lifesaver 2004 -

## Planning & Implementation of a Field Exercise

### Satellite Conference

**Thursday, September 30, 2004, 12:00-1:30 p.m. (Central Time)**

1:00-2:30 p.m. (Eastern Time) • 11:00 a.m.-12:30 p.m. (Mountain Time) • 10:00-11:30 a.m. (Pacific Time)

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#### **Lifesaver 2004: Federal, State and Local Agencies in 9 States Planned and Implemented A Homeland Defense Exercise**

Workplace and community preparedness is more important today than ever before. It's important that the adequacy of federal, state and local emergency procedures are routinely evaluated as coordination is critical to the response in any event. The terrorism consequence management exercise, Lifesaver 2004, was a tremendously successful method for teambuilding among agencies and equipping our first responders to better save lives.

Lifesaver 2004 was the most fully integrated model of civilian and military systems working together to transport and treat casualties that might result from a weapons of mass destruction (WMD) event. Local, state and federal agencies collaborated for the exercise, which encompassed explosive and WMD scenarios, patient reception and the evaluation of local field response and decontamination capabilities for first responders and hospitals.

As a Federal Coordinating Center, Keesler Medical Center in Biloxi, Mississippi, coordinated the exercise this past May. Lifesaver 2004 involved hundreds of participants from the nine state area of Alabama, Arkansas, Florida, Georgia, Louisiana, Mississippi, Oklahoma, South Carolina and Texas. Each area had specific objectives to accomplish in demonstrating and evaluating local response capabilities.

While the 2004 exercise was primarily designed as an explosive and chemical weapons medical consequence management exercise, it also involved local, state and federal law enforcement. Local law enforcement agencies exercised their contingency plans as well as provided real-world support and crowd control. The Federal Bureau of Investigation monitored the exercise and served in an advisory capacity and provided advice on the full range of federal law enforcement assets.

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#### **Faculty:**

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Clinical Associate Professor of Public Health  
Tulane University School of Public Health and Tropical Medicine

#### **Conference Details:**

**Target Audience:** Public health professionals and their partners with whom they will need to communicate in a public health emergency

**Registration:** [www.adph.org/alphnt](http://www.adph.org/alphnt) **Cost:** No cost to view the satellite conference.

**CEU's:** No CEU's for this satellite conference. **Satellite Coordinates:** C & Ku Band

**Conference Materials:** Posted on our website approximately one week before the program.

#### **Issues or questions you want addressed during the conference?**

Email ([alphnt@adph.state.al.us](mailto:alphnt@adph.state.al.us)) or fax (334-206-5640) the conference faculty.  
They will respond during the program.

For general questions about the conference, call 334-206-5618 or [alphnt@adph.state.al.us](mailto:alphnt@adph.state.al.us)